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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to the response filed 4/3/2000  
 The allowed claim(s) is/are 33-38  
 The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.  
 Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
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 received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892  
 Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s).  
 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948  
 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152  
 Interview Summary, PTO-413  
 Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material  
 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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